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To: Community Based Alternatives (CBA)  
Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) Providers  
Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP)  
Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)  
Information Letter No. 02-39  
Rate Changes

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission approved rate changes for the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) providers and Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) providers. These rates are effective January 1, 2003. The new rates are included on the Attachment 1, Reimbursement Rate Chart, which should be substituted for section 2600 of the CBA Provider Manual until a manual revision is distributed. The new rates for CWP are on Attachment 2.

All claims for services delivered on or after January 1, 2003, will be processed using the new payment rates. Claims submitted by the provider for any services delivered on or after January 1, 2003 should be prepared using the new rates.

These payment rates adjust for the increase in the Social Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate which clients begin receiving effective January 1, 2003. Since the client received an increase in his/her SSI payment, and all but \$85 per month is paid to the contracted provider for room and board, the payment rate from the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) to the provider is adjusted by the amount of the increase in the SSI that is paid to the provider by the client. As a result of this rate change, the contracted provider will receive the same total revenue as received prior to January 1, 2003, but the client's room and board payment will cover a greater share of the total revenue and DHS' share of the total revenue will be reduced. Case managers will be making the client adjustments between now and March 1, 2003, but payment amounts will include the adjusted rate back to January 1, 2003.

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Please contact your contract manager if you have any further questions regarding this information letter. Contract managers should call Rudy Gomez for CBA at (512) 438-3740 or Karen Kroyer for CWP at (512) 438-3444, if they have questions regarding this information letter.

Sincerely,

*Signature on file*

Becky Beechinor  
Assistant Deputy Commissioner  
Long Term Care Services

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Attachments

The **nonparticipant** rates for CBA-AL/RC program services as of 1/1/03 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Assisted Living-Apartment Single	Day	<u>40.13</u>
Assisted Living-Apartment Double		<u>31.31</u>
Assisted Living-Non-Apartment		<u>23.87</u>
Personal Care 3		<u>64.63</u>
<b>Assisted Living Respite</b>		
Assisted Living-Apartment Single		55.50
Assisted Living-Apartment Double		46.67
Assisted Living-Non-Apartment		39.23

The **participant** rates for CBA-AL/RC program services as of 01/01/03 are:

Service	Rate Per	Participant Level 1 Amount
Assisted Living – Apartment Single		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205	Day	<u>60.95</u>
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		<u>56.80</u>
AL 3 Tile Level 208		<u>51.14</u>
AL 4 Tile Level 209		<u>53.37</u>
AL 5 Tile Level 210		<u>48.09</u>
AL 6 Tile Level 211		<u>46.65</u>
Assisted Living – Apartment Double		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205		<u>54.29</u>
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		<u>50.14</u>
AL 3 Tile Level 208		<u>44.48</u>
AL 4 Tile Level 209		<u>46.71</u>
AL 5 Tile Level 210		<u>41.44</u>
AL 6 Tile Level 211		<u>39.99</u>
Assisted Living - Non-Apartment		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205		<u>38.17</u>
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		<u>34.02</u>
AL 3 Tile Level 208		<u>28.37</u>
AL 4 Tile Level 209		<u>30.59</u>
AL 5 Tile Level 210		<u>25.32</u>
AL 6 Tile Level 211		<u>23.87</u>

Twenty levels of participant rates were offered during the enrollment period. The following amounts are added to the level one rates above to calculate the total rate for each level.

Participant Level	Amount Added to Level 1
Participant — Level 2	.05
Participant — Level 3	.10
Participant — Level 4	.15
Participant — Level 5	.20
Participant — Level 6	.25
Participant — Level 7	.30
Participant — Level 8	.35
Participant — Level 9	.40
Participant — Level 10	.45
Participant — Level 11	.50
Participant — Level 12	.55
Participant — Level 13	.60
Participant — Level 14	.65
Participant — Level 15	.70
Participant __ Level 16	.75
Participant __ Level 17.	.80
Participant __ Level 18	.85
Participant __ Level 19	.90
Participant __ Level 20	.95

The rates for CWP-AL/RC program services as of 01/01/03 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Assisted Living-Single Occupancy Apartment	Day	<u>46.60</u>
Assisted Living-Double Occupancy Apartment		<u>39.94</u>
Assisted Living-Non-Apartment		<u>23.82</u>